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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

POWS REPORTEDLY LAND IN NANNING: ACCORDING TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, THE POWS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND ESCORTS LEFT HANOI TODAY FOR NANNING, CHINA, WHERE THEY WILL STAY THE NIGHT BEFORE LEAVING TOMORROW FOR PEKING.

[redacted]

POWS REPORTED RETURNING VIA COPENHAGEN ON WEDNESDAY: THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS JUST INFORMED THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THE THREE RELEASED POWS AND THEIR PARTY WILL ARRIVE IN COPENHAGEN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO THE U.S. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, WHICH THE DANES CONVEYED TO OUR EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN, THE POWS WILL NOT TRAVEL VIA STOCKHOLM. AN AEROFLOT FLIGHT FROM MOSCOW IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN COPENHAGEN ON WEDNESDAY; THERE IS NO SIMILAR FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR STOCKHOLM THAT DAY. 25X1

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ONE POW REPORTEDLY WANTS MILITARY MEDEVAC: OUR EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE HAS LEARNED [redacted] THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER 23, ONE OF THE THREE RELEASED POWS PLANNED TO ELECT MILITARY AEROMEDEVAC UPON ARRIVAL AT VIENTIANE. ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THECUCOMMITTEE ACCOMPANYING THE POWS SAID THAT THIS NEWS UPSET CORA WEISS AND MAY HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR THE LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATION OF THE AEROFLOT RETURN FLIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 25.

[redacted] SEEKS FRENCH ASSISTANCE TO HAVE MAJOR BARRETT FREED: OUR EMBASSY IN PARIS HAS PREPARED AN AIDE-MEMOIRE FOR THE QUAI DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS ASKING FRENCH INTERVENTION WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF MAJOR BARRATT, THE ASSISTANT DEFENSE ATTACHE IN AMMAN WHO HAS BEEN IN SYRIAN CUSTODY FOR SEVERAL 25X1

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WEEKS. THE DIRECTOR SAID FRANCE WOULD RAISE THE MATTER WITH DAMASCUS. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL FEAR THAT THE SYRIANS WOULD USE BARRATT FOR PURPOSES OF BLACKMAIL TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF SYRIANS IMPRISONED IN ISRAEL. THE EMBASSY HAS KEPT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY APPRISED OF THE SITUATION IN BECAUSE OF THE EARLIER ATTEMPTS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO HAVE BARRATT FREED.

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